

penitentiary, and therein to be kept during the term of his or her confinement, in the manner, and on the terms, herein mentioned; and every sheriff who shall wilfully neglect to remove, and safely to deliver, at the penitentiary, such convict, shall forfeit and pay the sum of one thousand dollars, to be recovered by action of debt in any court of record, and applied, one-half to the use of the county where sentence was passed, the other to the use of such person as will sue for the same.

SEC. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, are all repealed by and principally re-enacted in 1837, ch. 320.

CHAPTER 139.

*1802, ch. 111. **AN ACT** to confirm an Act,* entitled, an Act to incorporate certain persons in every Christian Church or Congregation in this state.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, the general assembly of Maryland at November session, eighteen hundred and two, taking into consideration the number of petitions from different religious societies in this state for acts of incorporation, and intending to place them all on the same equal footing, by enacting a general law, whereby every christian society might obtain for itself all the rights and benefits of an incorporation, by proceeding according to the provisions therein prescribed, but the said act wanting the words '*by the General Assembly of Maryland,*' in the enacting style for all laws, prescribed by the constitution of this state, the validity thereof may be questioned, and several religious societies of different denominations throughout this state may be thus deprived of the rights, property and advantages, intended to be secured to them by the legislature, for remedy thereof,

An act confirmed.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the aforesaid act, entitled, an act to incorporate certain persons in every christian church or congregation in this state, shall be and the same is hereby confirmed, and the said act is hereby declared as a law of this state, to be as binding and available as if the same, and every provision thereof, was herein formally and specially recited and re-enacted.

Incorporation confirmed.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all and every incorporation intended to be formed, with all and every right, immunities, title and interests, belonging or incident thereto, and all proceedings held in pursuance of, or by virtue of, the powers and authority meant to be granted by the said act, shall be and the same are hereby fully confirmed, and declared to be as good and available both in law and in equity, as the same would, could or might have been, if the style of the enacting words aforesaid was complete, and the entire form thereof had been originally and properly inserted in the act aforesaid, of which this is confirmatory.